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**Rehabilitation Work Begins on State Route 273 (North Market Street)**

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the City of Redding and the Redding Redevelopment Agency will begin roadwork on the \$11.5 million North Market Street Rehabilitation Project this week on State Route 273. The project extends from Tehama Street by the Downtown Redding Mall to the junction of SR 273 and Interstate 5 in North Redding.

Scheduled work includes pavement sawcutting, jackhammering, concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk installation or replacement, drainage and underground pipe replacement and traffic signal improvements and upgrades. Upgrades will include enhanced landscaping, decorative lighting, construction of a new bicycle path and reconstruction of the existing bicycle path at Lake Blvd. The Churn Creek bridges on Interstate 5 will become one structure which will allow for widening of the roadway to include larger shoulders and bring the structure up to current design standards.

Initial work will include electrical projects and installation of cameras on the traffic signals. Work will be conducted between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Pavement rehabilitation could begin as early as April, and is expected to continue through the spring and summer with anticipated completion in June of 2005. The contractor for the project is J.F. Shea, Co., Inc. of Redding.

Travelers can expect detours and short traffic delays due to the construction, throughout the duration of the project. Motorists are asked to reduce their speed and drive with caution when approaching the construction zone. Traffic fines are doubled in construction zones.

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